

REMARKS

The above amendment is believed to place the claims in proper condition for examination.

Early and favorable action is awaited.


Claims 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies claims.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned “Version with markings to show changes made.”

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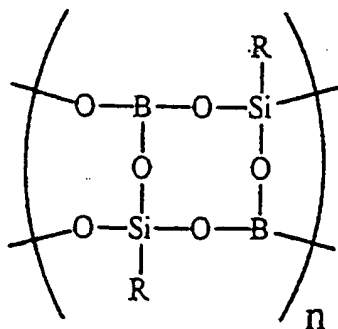
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Claims 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 have been amended as follows:

6. (Amended) The flame retardant according to claim 1[, 2, 3, 4 or 5] or 2,  
 wherein said polymer contains no crosslinking substituent within the molecule  
 or, when it contains a crosslinking substituent within the molecule, the ratio of crosslinking  
 substituent and a noncrosslinking substituent (crosslinking substituent/noncrosslinking substituent)  
 ratio among the substituents on silicon atoms and boron atoms in the polymer is less than 1/4.

7. (Amended) The flame retardant according to claim 1[, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6] or 2,  
 wherein said polymer has the following structure within the molecule:



in which R represents a univalent substituent capable of being bonded to a silicon atom and the plurality of R groups may be the same or different and at least one of the plurality of R groups is a univalent organic group having an aromatic ring and n represents a number not less than 1.

8. (Amended) The flame retardant according to claim 1[, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7] or 2,  
wherein said polymer has a weight average molecular weight of not less than 1,000  
and not lower than 1 g of said polymer is dissolved per 100 ml of the solvent toluene.

9. (Amended) The flame retarding according to claim 1[, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8] or 2,  
wherein said polymer is obtainable  
by mixing one or more boron compounds with one or more silicon compounds represented  
by  $\text{SiR}''\text{X}_3$ ,  
in which  $\text{R}''$  represents a univalent organic group, X represents one or more selected from  
among halogen atoms, a hydroxyl group and hydroxyl-derived dehydration condensation products  
and the plurality of X may be the same or different,  
subjecting the mixture to polymerization,  
then adding one or more silicon compounds represented by  $\text{SiR}''_3\text{X}$ , in which  $\text{R}''$  and X are  
as defined above,  
and allowing the reaction to proceed.

10. (Amended) a flame retardant resin composition  
which contains 100 parts by weight of a resin and 0.1 to 50 parts by weight of the flame  
retardant according to [any of Claims 1 to 9] claim 1 or 2.